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A Very Wonderful 47th Annual Conference!



The 47th Annual Conference of the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches was held October 21-23 in the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo, Ohio. Dr. Donald Sewell, host pastor, and his people opened their hearts and homes in making the many visitors feel most welcome.

Dr. Don Tyler, pastor of the Bethesda Baptist Church in Brownsburg, Indiana was the guest speaker. He challenged pastors and others in the matter of church growth. His own church in Brownsburg is one that has had an outstanding growth throughout the years. He spoke on the subjects: "Attitudes For A Growing Church", "Visitation, A Must For Church Growth", "Finances and Church Growth", and "Sustaining Church Growth".

The Men's Forum further pursued the matter of "Church Growth". Workshops on "Busing", "Church Music", "Church Promotion and Publicity" and "Youth Ministries" proved most profitable. Our State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh, presented a stirring message entitled: "What Is A Missionary Minded Church?"

A report was presented by our State Missionary. (This will appear in full in our December issue.) Also reports were given by our camp leaders and our O.I.B. editor. A special plea was made that churches place THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST on their church budgets for a regular monthly gift.

The music of the conference was under the direction of Mr. Donald Krueger. It was superb! On the closing day of the conference, messages by Rev. Will Davis of Euclid, Dr. James Jeremiah of Cedarville and Rev. Kenneth Pugh of Byesville - still following the same theme on church growth - were used to cause folk to give further consideration to this matter. Dr. Hugh Hall, Calvary Baptist Church of Bellefontaine, Ohio brought the closing message on Wednesday evening. His subject was "Growth That Glorifies God".

Four churches were received into the fellowship of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches. They are the Norwood Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio (Rev. Albert Tassel, Pastor) - Galilee Baptist Church of Austintown, Youngstown, Ohio (Rev. Fred J. Bartz, Pastor) - Albany Baptist Church of Albany, Ohio (Rev. Paul

G. Williams, Pastor) and the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio (Rev. Preble Cobb, Pastor). The total number of churches now in our OARBC fellowship is 197.

Four new men were elected to our Council of 12. They are Rev. Ralph Burns, Grace Baptist Church, Westlake - Rev. Dean Henry, Brown Street Baptist Church, Akron - Dr. Hugh Hall, Calvary Baptist Church, Bellefontaine and Rev. Lynn Rogers, Northfield Baptist Church, Northfield. Newly elected Council of 12 officers are: Rev. Lawrence Fetzner of Dayton, Chairman - Rev. Willis Hull of Elyria, Vice-Chairman - Rev. Kenneth Romig of Warren, Secretary - Dr. Donald Sewell of Toledo, Treasurer - Dr. Hugh Hall of Bellefontaine, Chrm. of Program Committee - Rev. Donald Winters of Columbus, Chrm. of Missionary Committee - Rev. William Broughton of Cedarville, Chrm. of Educational Committee and Rev. Joseph Stowell, of Springfield, Youth Work Chairman.

A new Youth Committee was established. Those comprising this group are Mr. Dave Truitt (Sky View Ranch), Mr. Bruce McDonald (Northfield), Mr. Dan Mead (Elyria), Rev. Dan Boyd (Worthington) and Rev. Jim Ellick (Westerville). Plans are being set up for the 1975 State Youth Rally which will be held on May 17th in 1975 at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium - Columbus. The Talents for Christ contest is scheduled for April 12 at Cedarville College. (Further word regarding these events will appear in later issues.)

The ladies of our OARBC fellowship met on Tuesday and were

blessed through the ministry of Mrs. Leeland Crofts of the Hebrew and Christian Society. Their newly elected officers are: Mrs. Barbara Williams of Reynoldsburg, President - Mrs. Catherine Winters of Grove City, Vice-President - Mrs. June Wells of Reynoldsburg, Secretary and Mrs. Mildred Flannagan of Willowick, Treasurer. The ladies have taken as their project

for the coming year a substantial gift to Cedarville College toward the building of their new chapel.

A number of resolutions were passed at this conference. These covered appreciation to the host church, stewardship, witnessing, and one concerning Kelley's Island. It is of such vital importance, we feel we should run it in its entirety in this issue.

Resolution On Kelley's Island

Whereas: The State Government of Ohio is presently considering a program of parks which will include a sizeable portion of Kelley's Island, and
Whereas, the development of the plans presently suggested would seriously jeopardize, if not actually destroy, our important facility known as Camp Patmos, and
Whereas, our summer camping facility for youth is a state-wide program which touches 197 churches of our association, and
Whereas, our average annual youth attendance at this facility amounts to more than 3,000 persons, and
Whereas, we believe that there exists in our state an urgent need to have just such spiritual direction and guidance as this camp provides for impressionable and oft-times misguided youth.

Be it therefore resolved that we: the messengers of the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, being met in Toledo, Ohio, October 21-23, 1974:

- I. Ask the Trustees of Camp Patmos to urgently request our State Governor that he:
 - A. Seriously re-evaluate the relative importance of the future physical development against the present spiritual contribution that is already being made.
 - B. Do all within his power to restrict and to curtail any program that would jeopardize or limit the effectiveness of such a fruitful program for young people as is already well organized and established, and
- II. That we encourage our messengers to consider prayerfully the possibility of exercising their influence in the above direction.

FLASH!—Since writing the above, we received word from Rev. Max Sidders, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Portsmouth, stating that he had just heard past governor—Mr. James Rhodes speak at a political rally in Portsmouth. Brother Sidders approached Mr. Rhodes concerning this matter of making KELLEYS ISLAND a state park. Mr. Rhodes declared that if he is elected governor he will do away with the whole idea. In fact, in his speech, he reiterated that which he had told Pastor Sidders. He remarked, "I will do nothing about making KELLEYS ISLAND a state park. I would scuttle any such plans."

Looking back on the conference we feel it was one of the best ever. The Lord willing our conference next year will be held in the Faith Baptist Church of Amherst, Ohio.

Rev. Robert Barrett is the pastor of this lovely church. The dates are October 20, 21 and 22 in 1975. **PLAN ON ATTENDING!**

A Word Of Thanks

Special gifts from the churches plus the offerings at the annual conference added about \$2000.00 to the Association treasury. This amount makes up the approximate \$1000.00 deficit at the end of the fiscal year plus paying the conference expenses and gives a small balance to start the new association year.

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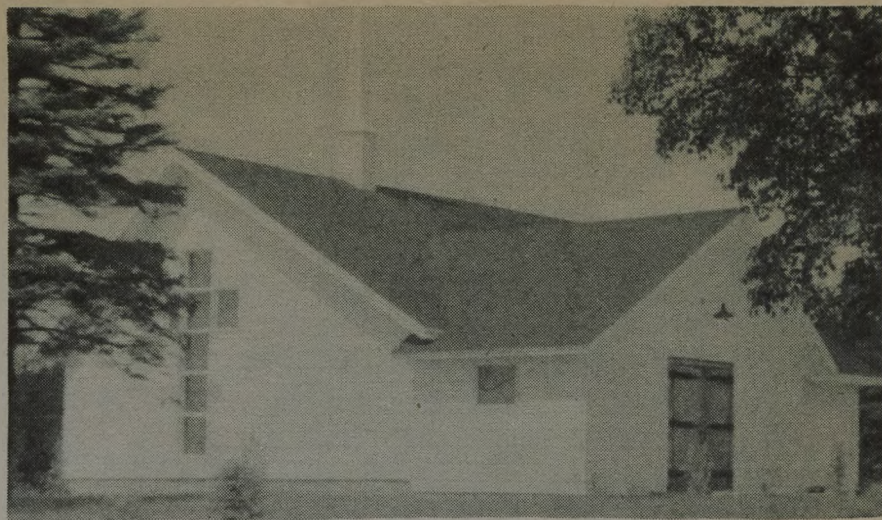
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Assist Missionaries In Canada



In this church



these young people



reached these children!

A group of young people from the
Graham Road Baptist Church,
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (Rev.
Thomas E. Hughes, Pastor) made
a trip to Marathon, Ontario, Canada
to give a helping hand to Rev. and
Mrs. David A. Woodman and their
work.

The young people assisted in the
Maranatha Baptist Church Vac-
ation Bible School program. The
Lord blessed their efforts. New
records in attendance were set,
scripture verses were memorized
and there were those who received
Christ into their hearts!

Rev. and Mrs. Jim Lanning (Bro-
ther Lanning is the Youth Pastor
at the Cuyahoga Falls' church)

sponsored these young folk. Mr.
Gene Kazner helped with the driv-
ing.

Shown in the accompanying pic-
ture is the group that made the
trip. Reading from left to right,
they are: Brenda Bowman, Steve
Ryan, Joyce Corathers, Aubrey
Baker, Cindy Gentile, Pastor and
Mrs. Lanning and Etta Brown.

It was a tremendous experience
for the young people! Missionary
Woodman writes: "They were and
are a good bunch of kids. The
Lord really blessed their ministry
here." Rev. and Mrs. Woodman
are missionaries under the Hia-
watha Baptist Missions.

A group of young people from the
Graham Road Baptist Church.....

Missionary Conference Program Suggestions

Deputation Secretary, Baptist Mid-Missions

V. Ben Kendrick

FLAGS: The display of flags of different countries will add much to the
atmosphere of your conference. Flags can be purchased; but if you have
people in your church who can make these flags, it will certainly add a
great deal of personal interest to the conference.

POSTERS: Posters always add to a missionary conference if they are well
done. A poster contest is stimulating and creative. To make a contest more
competitive, it is well to confine your posters to specific groups. For ex-
ample, the juniors could be one category, followed by the junior-high,
senior high, college, post-college adults, and finally the senior citizens.
Begin the poster-making two or three weeks before the missionary con-
ference and display them during the conference. They may be displayed
in various ways, but they should be displayed where they can be seen
throughout the conference. The missionaries participating in the confer-
ence can be the judges choosing first and second place in each of the cate-
gories with prizes given to those chosen. The judging is usually done to-
ward the close of the conference.

DISPLAYS AND LITERATURE: Always request the missionary partici-
pants to bring their displays and mission literature. A good display with
interesting curios surrounded by good-looking and well written literature
adds much to a missionary conference. You might even have each of the
missionaries explain a bit about a curio or two during their time in the
pulpit. Many times the missionary takes for granted that the people of
the church know as much about the curios as he does. It is always good
to hear about the culture of other people.

FOREIGN FOOD CARRY-IN FELLOWSHIP DINNER: If you can possibly
fit into the conference a fellowship dinner composed of foreign dishes made
up by your people, you will find that this will be a most interesting time
of fellowship around the tables. Saturday night is usually the best time for
such a fellowship dinner.

LARGE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE THEME BANNER: It is always nice,
if you are able to display a banner across the front of the church with your
missionary conference theme. This is usually a plus for any missionary
conference.

PROGRAMS: Your missionary conference is always enhanced if you have
a printed program. If you cannot provide a separate conference program,
you should try to print the schedule in your Sunday Church Bulletin.

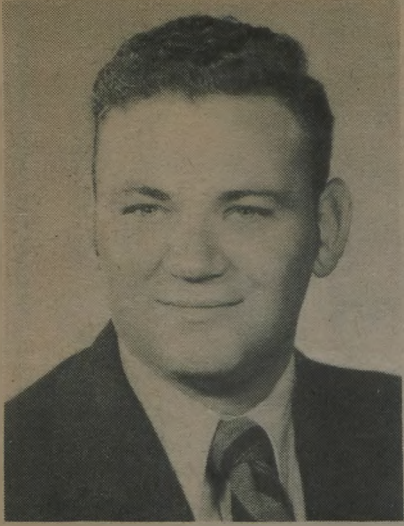
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Pastor At Marion Church Is Ordained



Dr. Charles Reed

Seventeen pastors and messengers met on Saturday, September 21 at the Berean Baptist Church in Marion, Ohio to examine Dr. Charles Reed for ordination. After a most thorough examination, it was recommended that the Berean Baptist Church proceed with Pastor Reed's ordination.

Rev. William Abernathy, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio served as Moderator of the council and Rev. Wilfred Booth, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Galion, Ohio as the Clerk of the council.

A special Ordination Service was held Sunday afternoon, September 22nd. Guest speaker for this occasion was Rev. William A. Brock, pastor of the Maranatha Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio. Others participating were Rev. William Abernathy and Rev. Robert Anthony, Assistant Pastor at the Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus.

National Informissions Conference

The National Informissions Conference for college age adults will be held December 27-31, 1974 on the campus of Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

A great deal of planning and prayer has gone into the format for each session which will provide missionary information and challenge on the basis of biblical principles fully oriented to the local church. Missionary leaders from various boards will be present to instruct and will be available for counseling on a personal basis.

In writing concerning this conference, Dr. Allen E. Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions says, "I am excited about the potential of this conference. We have learned of bus loads of young people who will be coming from Pennsylvania, California, Canada and other parts of our country. It will be a great time of fellowship with a spiritually significant impact which will count for eternity."

Pastors and youth leaders are urged to promote this conference so college age young people will not miss out by default. In Dr. Lewis' estimation, he feels that INFORMISSIONS will be so important that churches may wish to help young people financially so they can attend. It would be a spiritual investment with lasting dividends. The cost is \$40 which includes four nights' lodging, meals and workshop admission.

For additional information, write to: INFORMISSIONS, 1001 East Beltline, N. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan-49505.

With The Lord

Word was received that Mrs. Florence I. Fellenger, wife of Rev. Ray E. Fellenger, pastor of Pleasant View Baptist Church, Newcomerstown, Ohio, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, August 25th.

Rev. and Mrs. Fellenger attended the Baptist Bible Institute in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to her husband, she leaves three daughters and four sons.

Funeral services were held in the Calvary Baptist Church of Byesville, Ohio. Rev. Kenneth Pugh, pastor of the Byesville church, was in charge of the services.

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Youth Gain Missionary Experience

This summer the Northfield Baptist Church had the opportunity of sending twelve of their young people on a missions trip.

The group, which was called the "Northern Lights", traveled to Kittery, Maine to assist Missionary Rev. Claude J. Wivell. They were in Maine from August 15 through August 27.

The group was led by the Northfield Baptist Church Youth Pastor, Bruce McDonald, and his wife, Bev. Their schedule in Maine included canvassing the community each day, conducting Bible school each morning, conducting a teen seminar each evening and presenting the messages for the Sunday services.

One of the highlights of the venture was seeing the attendance of

the Faith Baptist Church of Kittery, Maine jump from 16 on Sunday, August 18 to 95 on Sunday, August 25.

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Youth Ask

by Bruce McDonald

Dear Bruce,
Summer is over and once again I made a "decision" at camp. This seems about the third time I've rededicated my life. I really mean it seriously, but I'm afraid that I'll bomb out again this year at school. Why am I like that?

Signed, SCARED

Dear Scared,

You're right, YOU will "bomb out"; but God won't. Make sure that your dedication was not for YOU to work harder for the Lord. The Apostle Paul said, "For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing..." (Romans 7:18). Dedications are good and I believe that it's important that at certain times we make public our commitment to the Lord. We all need this. But make sure that you realize the principle of "being dead to self and alive to God". Dedicating our old flesh to God won't avail much; but if we're giving ourselves totally to God, realizing we're crucified with Christ, then Christ is free to live His life through us. Each morning remind yourself and God that He is to have control this day and this year will be different for you.

Signed, BRUCE

Dear Bruce,
I've got a problem. One of my teachers definitely doesn't like me. I know it's because I'm the only Christian in his class. What should I do about a teacher that's so unfair and always picks on me.

Signed, PROBLEM

Dear Problem,

First of all, I would check to see if the teacher really does dislike you; and if so, find out why. Make very sure you find out if it's because you're a Christian and not because you're not the student you should be. If you've honestly tried to be a good student, I would then suggest the following:

- (1) First of all, keep in mind you're to be an example at all times. (Rom 12:18, I Tim. 4:12)
- (2) Secondly, remember that the person really living for Christ will cause the same reaction that Jesus Christ had, either attraction or hatred (John 15:18-20, II Cor. 2:16)
- (3) Thirdly, remember that God is able to change that teacher's heart (Proverbs 16:7)

Signed, BRUCE

P.S. Look up Verses.

Dear Bruce,

My Youth Pastor thinks that everyone should go to a Christian College and no one should go to a State College. Do you agree?

Signed, CURIOUS

Dear Curious,

I'm sure your Youth Pastor would agree that God does want some Christians in a State College; but I agree wholeheartedly with his emphasis. Many young people's lives are wrecked by going into State Schools that are evolutionary, atheistic, and Anti-Christ in practice. James says, "resist the Devil", and Peter says, "Be vigilant for your adversary the Devil walks about as a roaring lion." Don't make the mistake of saying, "God didn't CALL me to a Christian School, so I'll go to a secular one." Make sure God calls you to a secular school if you plan on attending one. (Proverbs 3:5,6).

Signed, BRUCE

Wondering? Bewildered? Need advice? Well then, send your letters, questions and comments to "YOUTH ASK" c/o Bruce McDonald, Northfield Baptist Church, St. Rt. 82 & N. Boyden Road, Northfield, Ohio 44067.

Pastors and Youth Leaders, please draw your Youth's attention to this new column. Get them to start reading the O.I.B. and using the Youth Column.



by Paul Matthews

Why Music?

It would seem that we could accomplish such objectives as (1) glorifying Christ (2) bringing men to Christ (3) to challenge fellow Christians in many ways...and we can and do. One particular way is through the ministry of music. God has been pleased to use the medium of music which is a most powerful force in the communication of the message of Christ since time began. In Genesis we find the record of Jubal — the father of those who handle the harp. Evaluating the makeup of man we can say he is an emotional and aesthetic being. Music, appealing to the emotional and aesthetic feelings of man communicates best. It never overshadows preaching, but when supported by the spoken word, results are seen. Down through history music has always been the handmaid of any spiritual awakening.

Music is communication and has in it three elements: a sender...a message...a receiver. Because of these elements there must be the presence of dedication and willingness to be used by the sender. There must be a willingness to receive the message and the change to take place on the part of the receiver. Therefore, the message must meet a need. Our daily prayer must then be that the ministry of music would always be viable...and it will be if we support it in prayer and interest.

Music excellence is always that which must be strived for but it's far harder to convey sincerity, enthusiasm, love when we are caught up in just technique for technique sake. Even here a balance is required. I trust the ministry of music will present visually as well as auditory means, that which is desirable as far as message, and that which is pleasing to the ear so far as music is concerned. Both languages are involved...the language of the lyrics and the language of the music.

Paul, writing to the Corinthian church states — "What is it then? I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." (I Cor. 14:15).

I guess you've heard me say once or twice...Ours is to minister...not to entertain.

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God, Where Is He?

The apostle Paul might well have asked: "Where is God? Why does He not shield me from false friends? Why does He not keep me from prison. protect me from floggings, heal my diseases, and reverse the decisions of Emperor Nero? Why does He not safeguard me from religious enemies? Why does He not hold back from my neck the headsman's hatchet?"

Three times did he beseech God to take away physical affliction. His God answered, "No," but added, "my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Paul approached God no more on this matter, but wrote, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." II Cor. 12:9.

Back of this submission in affliction, and interwoven with it like the shuttle thread through the warp and woof of the woven cloth, was a golden thread of faith, expressed in his mature manhood thus: "Nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed." II Tim. 1:12. It is one thing to believe in God. It is another to know God. Paul knew God. When God spoke he listened and heeded.

That is why, standing in the very shadow of his executioner, he could say, "I am now ready. . . I have fought. . . I have finished. . . I have kept the faith: henceforth there is. . . a crown." II Timothy 4:6-8. Here was a man powerful in pulpit or prison, victorious in life or death.

..... Copied

How To Win A Soul

1. Pray before you go.
2. Go believing
3. Take a New Testament with you.
4. Be nice, kind, and courteous.
5. After a brief conversation, get right to the point.
6. Ask the person: Have you been saved? Would you like to be saved?
7. Take your Bible and show him how to be saved.
8. Turn to Romans 3:23. This will show him the need of salvation.
9. Then turn to Romans 5:12. This will show him how and when sin came into the world.
10. Turn to Romans 6:23. This will show the penalty of sin.
11. Turn to Luke 16:19-31. This will show the consequences of dying unsaved.
12. Turn to Romans 10:9-13. If the person is under conviction, urge him to call on the Lord for salvation.
13. After the person has prayed, give him assurance with Romans 10:13.
14. Then turn to Matthew 10:32,33 and Matthew 28:18-20. This will show the importance of public confession and baptism.
15. Bring the person to church, and urge him to walk the aisle during the invitation. Offer to go with him, if he seems to be hesitant.

Why Will Your Neighbor Come?

Recently a survey was taken in Houston, Texas. Each person was asked, "Why did you choose the particular church with which you are now worshipping?" Here are the answers:

- 9% because of the beauty of the building.
- 14% because of prior denominational affiliation.
- 18% because of convenience of their homes.
- 3% because there were people in the church whom they respected.
- 34% because neighbors or friends invited them to that church.

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On October 20th the folk at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo (Dr. Donald Sewell, pastor) were privileged to hear Commander Stanley Beach. He is one of our active GARBC chaplains. Formerly he served as a chaplain in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is currently serving as a Full Commander in the U.S. Navy. Chaplain Beach was severely wounded while in Viet Nam during the Battle of Hill 400 near the DMZ. His ministry at Emmanuel was a blessing.

The young people of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, with their Minister of Youth, Brother Dave Carder had a great time at their recent Fall Youth Advance which was held October 24-26. Guest speaker during these days was Dr. Wendell W. Kempton, President of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. Brother Kempton is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute, Baptist Bible Seminary, Dallas Theological Seminary and more recently has been doing graduate work at Syracuse University. He holds the Th. B. and Th. M. degrees with majors in Theology and Christian Education. Lives were challenged through the ministry of Brother Kempton.

Minister Of Music At Medina Church

The First Baptist Church of Medina, Ohio (Rev. William F. Russell, pastor) has called Mr. John M. Rathbun to serve as their Minister of Youth and Music. He began his ministry at the Medina church on August 18.

Brother Rathbun is a graduate of Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa with a B.S. degree in Music. His wife, Sheri, was also a student at Faith. Mr. Rathbun is the son of Rev. Edward J. Rathbun, who for 18 years has been with the Hiawatha Baptist Missions. He has a brother, Daniel, who is now pastoring the Karen Street Baptist Church in Omaha, Nebraska.

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Rev. William E. Abernathy, Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio was elected Chairman of the council and Youth Pastor, John Bird, Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus was elected as Clerk of the council.

Rev. Paul G. Williams, pastor of the Albany Baptist Church gave a short history of the church. The council also reviewed the Articles of Faith and the Constitution of the church. After a period of questioning and discussion, it was voted unanimously that the Albany Baptist Church be recognized as a duly constituted Baptist church. It was also recommended that they take under advisement the suggestions given them by the council.

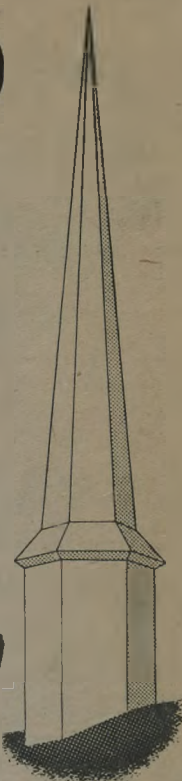


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During this past summer we were privileged to have "The Proclamation" gospel team from Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College. Also, Rev. James Dersham (FBHM) and Rev. Elton Hukill were with us. We had a delightful time at our annual Sunday School picnic.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, ASHLAND—

Recent speakers include Rev. Harry Ambacher (ABWE-Hong Kong) and Rev. Lyle Baylis (BMM-Ghana).

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, BEDFORD—

We enjoyed meeting Larry and Bonnie Seccrest. They ministered in our church. They are newly appointed missionaries under ABWE looking forward to serving the Lord in Peru. Our pastor, Rev. Rice is holding special meetings at the Bible Baptist Church in Kirkland, Ohio. We are to have "The McNamara Family" with us on November 13.

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held a Moody Bible Institute sponsored Prophecy Conference Sept. 22-27. At a recent Mid-Week prayer hour, Brother Roy Hendershot told of his work in Cleveland's Inner-City. We held a "SOMEDAY SUNDAY" on October 6.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN—

Co. Raymond Pritz (GARBC Chaplain) and Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat spoke here on the Fifth Anniversary of our new building. We recently viewed the film "Missing the Mark" which presents the work of AWANA. We are looking forward to our Missionary Conference, January 12-19. Guest speakers will be Dr. Kenneth Muck, President of FBHM and Rev. Lee Turner of Cedarville College.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, BUCYRUS—

Evangelist Ralph Davidson led us in a Family Bible Conference Sept. 22-29.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON—

Recent speakers at our church include Missionary Ronald De Jong (BMM-Australia), AWANA missionary for Ohio, Brother Ken Starett and Rev. Melvin Keeler, Field Representative for Shepherds, Inc. The Lord blessed during our missionary conference held Oct. 2 through 6. Those taking part in the conference were Doug Wasson (HBM), Leeland Crofts (BMM), Elizabeth Jones (BMM), Kenneth Muck (FBHM) and Donald Worch (Baptist Children's Home).

WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON—

We were blessed through our Missionary Conference Sept. 28-Oct. 2. Speakers included Rev. and Mrs. John Bigelow (BMM-Alaska) and Rev. and Mrs. Leeland Crofts (BMM-The Hebrew and Christian Society).

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, CLEVELAND—

The Lord blessed our Moody Prophetic Conference. Those who spoke at the conference were Dr. Bruce Dunn, Dr. John Walvoord, Dr. William Stewart, Dr. Louis Barbieri and Mr. Bob Devine. We were also privileged to have Rev. J. Gordon Dandignac and Rev. Paul Tidball supply our pulpit.

BROOKSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, CLEVELAND—

The Lord gave us a good spirit in our recent meetings with Editor/Evangelist and Mrs. Don Moffat. Mrs. Moffat's ministry at the piano was greatly appreciated.

CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

We've been having a "Clean-up, Paint-up Fix-up" time at our church. The improvements both inside and outside are beautiful. The whole lower level has been completely transformed.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

Evangelist Carl Schultz is to be with us for special meetings November 17-22.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

Rev. Lee Turner of Cedarville College was our guest speaker in early September. One of our young men who participated in Cedarville College's Missionary Internship Program—Steve McCallister—showed us pictures of his activities in Brazil. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gearhart, missionaries to the Indians in South Dakota were with us in October. Our men's golf team won the Fundamental Golf League championship. Rev. Mark Mitchell surprised us with a visit and ministered to us.

PINE HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS—

The Lord blessed in our meetings with Evangelist Hugh Horner. We praise the Lord for the way our AWANA program is moving ahead. We now have almost 150 in attendance.

COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—

We had a most enjoyable time at our Sunday School picnic. Mr. Bob Hayes (BMM-Mormons) told us of his work. This was on September 8.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—

We voted recently to send \$1,000 to the Karl Luyben "transportation account" and also to have Missionary Armstrong to assist our pastor (Rev. Nile Fisher) for six months of his furlough time. Brother James Carder, missionary veteran to the Canary Islands reported concerning his ministry in that strong Roman Catholic land.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON—

We are beginning double Sunday morning services. Plans are being made to purchase a new public address system. Rev. Harold Green of Cedarville College ministered here. Also, Brother Al Lehman, Business Administrator of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio held a Teachers Workshop for us on September 28.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, ELIDA—

Missionary appointee Garry McInnes (ABWE-Spain) told of his call to missionary work.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA—

"The Expectation Trio" from Cedarville College sang recently at one of our Sunday morning services. We hosted the Hebron Youth Rally. Dr. Robert Gromacki was the key speaker for this occasion.

EUCLID-NOTTINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH, EUCLID—

At a recent special business meeting, we voted to purchase a 15 passenger maxivan. Mrs. Lynn Alexander (ABWE-Hong Kong) spoke to our ladies Evening Missionary Meeting. Dr. W. Wilbert Welch (Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College) and "The Murk Family" also ministered to us. We were led in special meetings by Dr. Bill Hall.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, FINDLAY—

September 15 was our Cornerstone Sunday at which time we featured the laying of the cornerstone of our new auditorium building. We had a "Police and Firefighters" Sunday giving special recognition to these public servants. The Swordbearers of Cedarville College were held on October 20 and Gary Collins, gospel ventriloquist and magician was with us for our "Kid's Day" October 27.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS—

Rev. Sam Colinco (Missionary pastor-Bacolod, Philippines) spoke at one of our mid-week services. We had a Pro-Teen youth night and Brother Alvis Pollard brought the message. Miss Arlene Spurlock (EBM-Niger) told of her medical work and that of translating the scriptures. Also from Evangelical Baptist Missions was Brother Richard Pettitt. His ministry was one of blessing.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, LANCASTER—

We viewed a Cedarville College filmstrip recently. It was our privilege to have Rev. V. Geren of the Shadyrest Bible Conference in Chesterfield, New Jersey lead us in a series of meetings. Brother Gerens was the man, led of God, to lead our pastor—Rev. Wm. Moser—to Christ.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN—

We enjoyed seeing the film—"Like A Mighty Army". It has to do with the matter of winning souls for Christ. We will be having a "Life Action" seminar on November 8 & 9. It is a seminar for parents.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MEDINA—

Rev. Kenneth Nelson (Oberlin) and Dr. Walter Banks (Cleveland) were with us recently. They ministered here while our pastor, Rev. William Russell and his wife were vacationing. Other guest speakers include Brother Tim Timmons (Christian Family and Life) and Rev. Gary McInnes (ABWE appointee to Spain). We now have a special Sign Language Class to aid the deaf. Our Missionary Conference was held October 26-30.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, MINFORD—

We held a special Dedication Service on Sunday afternoon, September 29. This was to thank the Lord for the lovely new addition to our present facilities. Guests for the day included former pastor, Rev. Clarence Townsend (Faith Baptist Bible College-Ankeny, Iowa) and Rev. Thomas Wright, Sr. of Mid-Brook Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

HARMONY HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW MATAMORAS—

We dedicated our new building "unto the Lord" on October 13. Rev. Earl Umbaugh, our State Missionary, was the guest speaker at this special service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NILES—

Mr. Lowe and Rev. Updike filled our pulpit recently. We have called Rev. William Alexander to be our new pastor. He began his ministry here the first Sunday of November. Rev. Joseph Stephens served as Interim Pastor until Rev. Alexander arrived. Our churches hosted the Bethany Bible Conference on October 8.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH JACKSON—

Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife were with us in October. Their ministry was one of blessing. Our pastor, Rev. Marvin Werbeach, has accepted a call to the North Royalton Baptist Church.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH MADISON—

We had a good time at our Sunday School picnic. Rev. Paul Tidball brought a devotional message at this event. Our men held their Father/Son Retreat at Shalom Lake. Our ladies had a Mother/Daughter Tea in October. We were blessed during our Missionary Conference (October 27-31). Speakers were Dr. Raymond Buck (BMM) and Rev. Garth Roberts. Brother Buck is the Foreign Missions Secretary of Baptist Mid-Missions and for some years served the Lord in Africa. Brother Roberts ministers among Indians in Canada.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH—

Missionaries Bob and Esther Howder (ABWE Japan) showed us beautiful pictures of Japan and told of their work there. Rev. L.W. Beckley ministered here on October 6. As a church, we voted to proceed with the expansion of a new educational wing. Construction will begin immediately. We hope to have the new building completed by the end of 1974.

CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, OBERLIN—

The McInnes Family (ABWE-Spain) were a blessing to our people on October 2nd.

OBERLIN CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, OBERLIN—

Our pastor, Rev. Joseph C. Fritz, has accepted a call to pastor a church in West Virginia.

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH, OREGON—

We held a Groundbreaking Service on September 15. Work is progressing on our new Sunday School addition. We recently broke our Sunday School record. There were over 250 in attendance. The Lord blessed our special "Family Day" on October 13.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, PAINESVILLE—

We had a special candlelight dinner for our

Sunday School workers in preparation for Rally Day-October 6. The filmstrip—"The Laws of Successful Teaching" was presented to our Sunday School personnel. Our pastor, Rev. John Strong, is retiring. His last Sunday with us will be January 5, 1975.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, PERRY—

We were led in evangelistic services September 16-22 by Evangelist Bob Kelley. During the meetings, Brother Kelley and his wife presented a musical concert.

BIBLE MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH, REYNOLDSBURG—

Mr. Jack Swinehart spoke here on September 22. We are to have Missionary Patsy King (BMM-Africa) tell us of her work on November 3.

BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD—

The film—"The Clock Maker's Secret" was shown at our Primary Church. Hearts were blessed through our Missionary Conference. Guest missionaries were Dr. Kenneth Muck (FBHM), Rev. Leeland Crofts (BMM-The Heb. and Christian Soc.) and Rev. George Norton (BMM-Brazil). We recently voted to relocate as a church and have purchased 6½ acres of property for the sum of \$32,000. We hope to start building by early Spring. Our attendance is growing and there is a spirit of revival in our services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, STRONGSVILLE—

Recently Missionary Wm. Brown spoke to us. Our attendance continues to grow. One Sunday we ran out of church bulletins and at a Communion Service didn't have enough cups to go around! God is blessing and we thank Him for it.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH,* TIFFIN—

Our work is moving ahead to the glory of God. On October 6th we set a goal of 260. We went far, far over that mark! The actual attendance in Sunday School on that day was 310. There were souls that came to Christ in the Sunday morning service.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO—

Rev. David Jeremiah (Blackhawk Baptist Church-Fort Wayne, Indiana) spoke at our Sunday School Workers annual banquet. We had a good day on our "Old-Fashioned" Sunday. Missionary Larry Smith will be with us November 20.

ENGLEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, UNION—

Our former pastor, Rev. Jerry Locher, spoke here recently. We are looking forward to having Dr. Robert Gromacki of Cedarville College lead us in a Prophecy Conference.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN—

Rev. Bob Smith (BMM-Liberia) led us in our Missionary Conference-October 10-13. Our pastor, Rev. Kenneth Romig, spoke at the Bethany Bible Conference held in the First Baptist Church of Niles, Ohio. He spoke on the subject—"The Family Altar". We recently viewed the film "The Rapture" and a slide presentation of Cedarville College. Editor/Evangelist and Mrs. Don Moffat ministered here Sunday, October 20.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, WESTLAKE—

Our Missionary Conference was held in late September. Guest speakers were James Missildine (BMM-Jewish work) and Thurlow Switzer (FBHM). The conference emphasized "Home Missions".

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

At a recent business meeting, we approved a new budget. It calls for the largest increase in the history of our church—an increase of 25% over last year's budget. We are giving serious thought to hiring a part-time Youth Pastor. Brother Jerry Smelser of The Cleveland Hebrew Mission spoke here on October 20.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, XENIA—

Brother Ken Starrett, Ohio missionary for AWANA, told us of the AWANA program. Our church is beginning this work among the youth of our area. We presented a special love offering to two evangelists (both are members of our church) Brother Clarence Henson and Brother Don Moffat. We have been informed by the authorities that we may add a seventh grade to our present Christian Day School.

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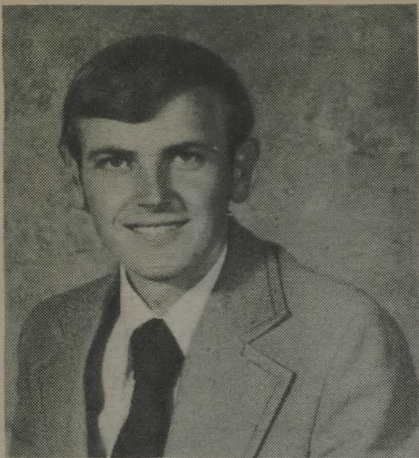
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Mr. Alvis Pollard is the new Ohio Representative for Positive Action For Christ. He and his wife now make their home in Gallipolis, Ohio. They are members of the First Baptist Church where Brother Pollard serves as part-time Youth Director. He also travels throughout the state of Ohio meeting fundamental pastors and churches to tell them about PRO-TEENS.

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'New Evangelicalism' Is Dangerous!

by Dr. Marion H. Reynolds

In every age there are always those who profess the name of Christ but who do not want to bear the reproach of the cross. They cannot stand to be looked down upon by the "wise" of this world.

They are more concerned with making the gospel "respectable" than in declaring the whole counsel of God.

They have made a complicated system of "gears" so as to "gear" the gospel to youth, to the athlete, to the politician, to the movie star, etc.

The whole program is deceptively dangerous for it appeals to the flesh in the name of the Spirit and invariably glories in size rather than in fidelity to the truth.

The "New Evangelical" Disease

Some of the symptoms of the "New Evangelical" disease are:

1. Placing "love" above sound doctrine as a basis for Christian

fellowship. (There can be no true love without sound doctrine) I John 5:2,3.

2. Re-thinking, re-investigating and keeping an "open mind," regarding the fundamentals of the faith, including the inerrancy and inspiration of the Scriptures.

(Faith in the Word of God and the Son of God is a matter of revelation, not investigation) II Tim. 2:15.

3. Twisting the Scriptures in an effort to accommodate so called scientific discovery and theory including evolution. (If man knows more than his creator, God is indeed dead!) Gen. 1:1.

Earnestly Contend For the Faith!

4. Seeking to develop lines of thought and argument which would "Christianize" pagan ideas and systems founded on unbelief.

(Glorification of psychology, psychiatry, geology, astronomy, etc.) There is nothing better for modern man than the Word of God. Col. 3:16.

5. Preaching only a so-called "positive message," as often expressed by the statement, "God called me to win souls to Christ,

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not to criticize others."

(God calls all believers to win souls but He also commands them to contend earnestly for the faith.) Jude 3, 4.

6. Finding more fellowship with apostates than with fundamentalists. (This suits the devil just fine for it confuses the battle lines.) Eph. 5:11.

Don't Cooperate With Apostates!

7. Making the church more and more an instrument of social change by programs of humanitarian concern rather than emphasizing our responsibility to the great commission and the eternal welfare of man.

Co-operation with apostates most often starts with united "welfare" programs. (God made only one set of rules regarding fellowship with false prophets.) II Cor. 6:14-18, II John 10.

New Evangelism is wrong because it is unscriptural. This fact is in no way modified because some highly respected Christian leaders embrace and promote it. Don't you be deceived by it!

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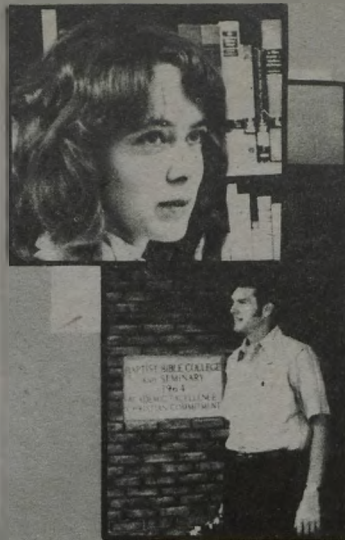
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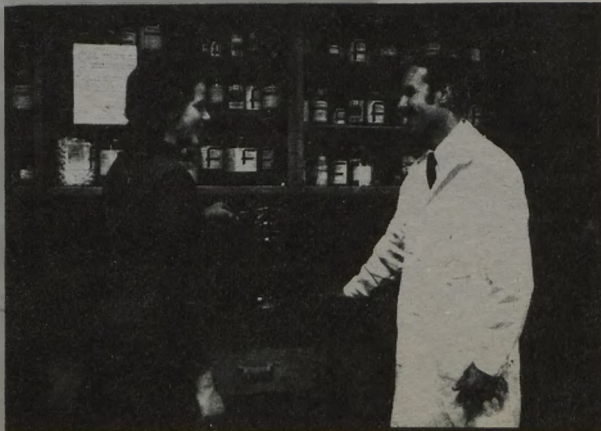
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—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

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....Webster's Dictionary

The "leisure days" of summer are past. School has opened. "Routine" has set in. Schedules to meet. The five-year-old has even entered into the timetable life. Pressures are upon us -- at home, at school, at the office, at church, yea....on all sides!

How can we hold up under all these pressures and be the kind of Christian that will bring glory to His name? Matthew 10:28 - "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "There is a quiet rest, near to the heart of God". As your child needs you he enters the house and calls, "Mom, I'm home - What's for snacks - You know what happened to the teacher today?"and on....and on.....so we adults have the same needs and we too can find release as we talk them over with Him. Your Heavenly Father is always available - Are you?

A PRAYER

*As the child comes home from school,
I come to You.
I open up the door and enter in,
Scattering my little day across the room!
The test I failed, my heartache on the floor,
The flower picked in haste along the way.
Cast off, flung down, are heavy coat and shoes,
The door is closed, and for awhile I know
The coming home.*

...Phyllis Rogers

Recent Word From Ruth Hege

Several months ago we ran one of Miss Ruth Hege's form letters in which she mentioned a proposed trip to Venezuela, South America -- a land in which she served faithfully for many years. The other day there came to our desk another of her form letters giving a report of what transpired on this visit. Because so many of our O.I.B. readers are interested in this servant of the Lord, we thought it well that we run excerpts concerning her trip. Miss Hege writes as follows. . . .

"I want to share with you so that we may praise the Lord together.

(1) Praise the Lord for a safe and profitable trip. On July 1st, thirteen of us, including nine students under Baptist Mid-Missions Apprenticeship program converged at the airport in Miami where we were greeted by Henry and Anne Osborn, directors of the expedition. There we were tagged with Spanish names which facilitated the handling of details connected with departure and entrance into Venezuela. It was a happy group that boarded the plane, each one anticipating with joy the six-week period of voluntary service in a foreign land. After two nights and a day of sight-seeing in Caracas, we flew on to Maturin where the students bought hammocks, plates and other necessities for their stay with the Indians. Then by car and dugout canoe we proceeded to El Pajal, our Indian station where we were welcomed by our missionaries, Rich and Carol Long and Marilyn Pitzer, and our Indian brethren.

(2) Praise the Lord for the completion of the Warao New Testament. Doubtless the highlight of the trip was the service of the dedication of the Warao New Testament. This represented the culmination of the labors of some twenty years in which many helped with gifts and prayers and encouragement as the Warao language was reduced to writing and portions of the New Testament were translated. Even when circumstances

prevented the Osborn's return to Venezuela they continued the translation work at home. To me the greatest thrill came when the four deacons of the Indian church each received a copy of the New Testament. Then each in turn read a verse from I Cor. 15 from his own book. What a treasure for them to hold in their hands for the very first time! How little we who have had the entire Bible all of our lives appreciate the unspeakable riches it contains for us.

(3) Praise the Lord for the success of the literacy program among the Warao Indians in the Delta of the Orinoco River. After the dedication service, a group of 22 persons made up of students, missionaries, Venezuelans and Indians, representing three cultures and three language groups, but united in their love for the Lord and their desire to reach the Indians with the Gospel, went on a 12-hour journey by dugout and outboard motor into the Delta. It was the first time the Gospel had penetrated into that area and the group was limited by the government to a literacy program, to teach the Indians to read. The letter of the law was meticulously observed and no public services were held. But the opportunities for personal work were numerous and the spirit of love and good will which prevailed soon broke down resistance and previously formed prejudices and opened the way for a future invasion with the Gospel.

Report On Women's Retreats

The 1974 Retreats are past history. However, we trust the things we learned there and the blessings received there will only be stepping stones and paths to greater spiritual heights for the future. There were 386, in all, in attendance.

Scioto Hills Retreat was attended by the largest number yet. The weather was great (except for a little rain). Mary Lou Brownell brought us up to date on the workers and the testimony in Bangladesh. Miss Lois Dotson, teacher in Cedarville College brought excellent lessons from the Word of God. Vickie Jansen, our chairman and her committee did a good job in planning and carrying out a grand retreat.

Skyview #1 was great! The Theme "Rejoicing in the Lord" was put to the test as we gathered in the Tent Chapel and the rain poured thru the holes and the ladies in those areas scurried for a dry corner! Mary Jo Moore and her committee gave their utmost to provide us with a tremendous program. Mrs. Robert Gilbert, challenged our hearts with her lessons on Philipians and Miss Ruth Carlson brought us up to the present on the situation in the Chad and asked us to pray daily that God would move the heart of the President of Chad to get right with Him.

Skyview #2 lead by Mrs. Marjorie Odor and her committee with the theme: "Acres of Diamonds" was excitedly presented by Miss Blanche Hamilton, of Japan and Biblically expounded by Mrs. Robert Gilbert as she presented the Lord Jesus Christ as the center brilliant Diamond surrounded by the 14 other gems that picked up their luster from Him. He is the one who is all and in all. The Lord blessed us with a beautiful Friday afternoon at which time both the pool and the horses got a good work out. The food was great as the bathroom scales gave their report upon arrival home revealed!!

Hebron Women To Meet

The Fall Rally of the Hebron Women's Missionary Union will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 1974, 10:00 a.m. First Baptist Church, New London, Ohio. The speaker will be Mrs. Joel Kettering, on furlough from Jamaica under Baptist Mid-Missions. The Theme will be: "Redeeming the Time".

One of the special features will be a choir of pastors' wives and missionary officers.

There will be a nursery for preschoolers.

The ladies are asked to bring their sandwich and silverware. The balance of the menu will be served by the host church.

West Moriah Fellowship

An air of excitement was felt as the Women began to gather for the West Moriah Fellowship meeting at the Johnstown Independent Baptist Church, Sept. 17th. The folks at the host church had gone all out for our comfort and we were delighted with their lovely new facilities.

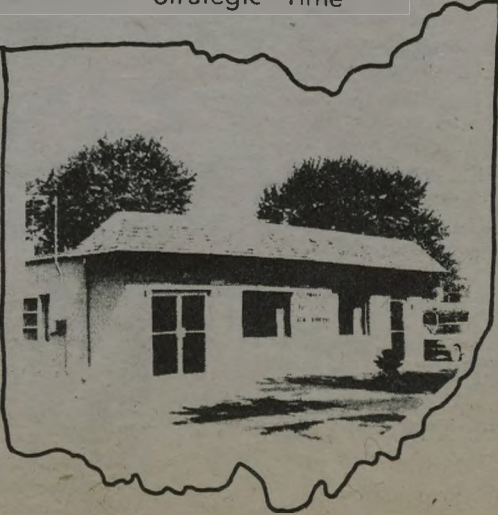
Mrs. Nan Koch, Memorial Baptist was the song leader, Mrs. Marjorie Odor provided special music and Mrs. Leona Gerhart, Host church, was the organist. Mrs. Doris Garsuch gave a welcome and Mrs. Jackie McCallister, President, presided for the day. A new project was introduced - To help equip the maternity delivery room for the hospital in Africa.

The Devotional Message was given by Mrs. Sergie Umbaugh around the theme: "God's Faithfulness - Our Confidence". Miss Betty McKeehan, of Baptist Mid-Missions, in Brazil, was the main speaker of the day.

The Women of the Clintonville Baptist Church, in Columbus put on an "Interesting Day at Our Missionary Meeting". Those participating were Elaine Ostrum, Ginny Peasley, Carla Shadwick, Sue Klett, Bessie Wallace, Penny Workman, Lynne Heidenrick, Carol Hamilton, and Phyllis Greene, soloist.

Lunch was not Lunch - it was a heavily laden Smorgasbord - Mmm - Mmm Good. You should have been there!!!!

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Missionary Apprenticeship Program

A Growing Ministry In Baptist Mid-Missions

by V. Ben Kendricks



This M.A.P. group served in Israel.

"I'm a junior in college and have a real burden on my heart for missions. Do you have a program where I can be actively involved on a mission field during my summer break?" This question from a college student can be multiplied many times in the Missionary Apprenticeship Program Department of Baptist Mid-Missions as letters are received from students from the east coast to the west. Even a tiny glimpse into the M.A.P. picture leaves you with a tremendous heartfelt challenge when you realize that within this seemingly unlimited source of dedicated young adults lies an indescribable potential for missions throughout the world.

"M.A.P. has had a positive effect in three major areas as we have employed the program in Utah," writes a veteran missionary in our Mormon work. "It has been important to the apprentices, to our stations, and to the souls reached through our apprenticeship program. The importance of M.A.P. to our stations cannot be overstated. Their presence literally multiplies our outreach. With proper preparation, apprentices have demonstrated their effectiveness in actually reaching Mormons for Christ. Perhaps the strongest testimonial to the blessings of M.A.P. could be given by the children, teens, adults, couples, and families who have been set free from Mormonism and are now trusting Christ because an apprentice carried the Truth to their doorstep. M.A.P.? We're happy to give it our enthusiastic endorsement!"

WHAT IS M.A.P.? The Missionary Apprenticeship Program has been brought into existence as a means for mission-minded young people to become actively engaged in work on the mission fields. The length of service may run from a week or two to several months, depending upon the arrangements between the missionary and the apprentice. Such a work program gives the apprentice an opportunity to experience first-hand the actual work and life of a missionary. Yes, one of the bright spots in world-wide missions is the Internship Program or M.A.P.

WHO PARTICIPATES? Baptist Mid-Missions' M.A.P. ministry is geared for the college student because of the responsibilities involved in the ministry, distance in travel and cooperation with similar college programs. Participation in many instances requires Bible, medical, language or other specialized training. College credit for participation in the program is given where possible.



Franklin Stone of Grand Rapids College teaching children in Vienna, Austria.

WHERE DOES IT OPERATE? Baptist Mid-Missions has authorized work in over 30 countries throughout the world as well as many North American ministries. It's our desire that our M.A.P. program will become an active service when and where possible on all of our fields. Some fields are more advanced with the M.A.P. program, already offering a very well organized ministry for the college student.



Miss Karen Grace of Cedarville College ministering in Alaska.

WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE? It's always important with any program that the purpose justifies the efforts, expense, time, etc., invested in it. This is especially true concerning any program in the Lord's work. The purpose of M.A.P. is not to provide a mission field vacation for an enthusiastic college student but rather to the contrary, that is, to provide the opportunity to be involved in mission work. M.A.P. workers find themselves engaged in Bible studies, camp ministries, construction, medical work, linguistic studies, house canvassing and tract ministries, just to name a few. They're actively engaged in and exposed to the work, the people, the culture, the language, and even the problems, as they might face them in a few short years. I suppose the best term to use in describing the M.A.P. program in its overall picture would be **EXPOSURE**. With such a tremendous potential represented in this "cream of the crop" group of young adults, Baptist Mid-Missions is making every effort to expand its M.A.P. program.

WHAT IS BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS' M.A.P. PROGRAM? We've just completed the most successful M.A.P. program in the history of Baptist Mid-Missions. Requests for 195 M.A.P. workers were received for the summer of 1974 from our worldwide missionary family. A total of 141 applications were processed with 116 students taking part in the program in 17 countries. (A number of students who were accepted for the program found it necessary to withdraw for various reasons, the main one being finances.) One of the 17 countries is the United States where six of our North American fields benefited from the help of our M.A.P. family: Alaska, Hawaii, Mormon Ministry, Indian Missions, Mountain Missions and Metropolitan Missions.

Two outstanding features of our 1974 M.A.P. Program were the team ministries, one in Venezuela and the other in Israel. Dr. Henry Osborn of Grand Rapids Baptist College took a team of eight to Venezuela for special linguistic study among the Warao Indians. His team was composed of students from several schools and included those who are training in this specialized field and also an able photographer.

A team of 21 students from several schools, including Baptist Bible College, Cedarville College, Grand Rapids Baptist College and Faith Baptist Bible College, spent eight weeks in Israel on a special work-study mission. Rev. Leeland Crotts with his wife, Mary, and missionaries Carol McIver and Carolyn Renner were the missionary leaders for this unusual ministry on a kibbutz located four miles south of the Sea of Galilee and near the Jordanian border. This team had many opportunities to witness for the Lord, sharing with the Israeli people the good news of salvation. These young people proved that one can pick grapes

and cut bananas for the glory of the Lord while working under the protection of machine-gun armed guards. Only eternity will show the final results of the faithful ministries of our 1974 M.A.P. family.

1975 PROJECTIONS: With our 1974 program behind us, we look with enthusiasm and anticipation to 1975. Already the mechanics of the program are in operation, and we are looking to the Lord for the greatest season yet in M.A.P. To help meet this accelerated program, 12 Baptist Mid-Missions Missionary Apprenticeship Program College Consultants will be working with us. These men are specialized in their fields of service and will add tremendous value and assistance in the operation of the program. The ministry of our College Consultants will streamline the program considerably.

As of this writing, our College Consultants are Rev. Robert Richards and Rev. Don Trott, Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania; Rev. Harold Green and Dr. Jack Riggs, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio; Dr. Henry Osborn and Dr. Paul Beals, Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Dr. Bernard Bancroft and Rev. Robert Bymers, Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa; Rev. Dwight West, Western Baptist Bible College, Salem, Oregon; Mr. Roland Russell, Los Angeles Baptist College, Newhall, California; Dr. Robert Delnay, Piedmont Bible College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Mr. Samuel Telloyan, Pillsbury Baptist Bible College, Owatonna, Minnesota. We thank God for each one of these men and their willingness and desire to work with us as College Consultants within the framework of our M.A.P. ministry.

One of the highlights for our 1975 projection will be the distribution of a special M.A.P. Orientation Manual to a large number of colleges requesting this publication for their orientation classes. This manual, written by Dr. Paul Beals and Dr. Henry Osborn, will be furnished with the compliments of Baptist Mid-Missions to both instructors and students at these schools. Its purpose will be to provide the schools with practical orientation material covering such subjects as travel, manners, finances, deputation, correspondence, photography, culture, language, etc., and will also coordinate basic orientation for these students from the various schools who will be working on different mission fields throughout the world.

The M.A.P. program of Baptist Mid-Missions has been both blessed and used by the Lord. It represents a tremendous potential as dedicated young adults combine their efforts to get involved in missions throughout the world in reaching the lost with the glorious gospel of our wonderful Lord. The harvest is great and the laborers are few, but God through the ministry of M.A.P. is directing needed workers into the world-wide harvest field.

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The Road To Quezaltenango

By Missionary Frank Waggoner, Guatemala



From Guatemala City to Quezaltenango, the road winds through some of the world's most beautiful mountains. We drove slowly, enjoying the fresh green fields, the deep valleys, the towering hills. It was a day for joy and life. Then we saw the bus.

The passengers were standing near it, looking at something in the road. We approached. There lay a man about 40 years old. He would never get any older. His blood and brains stained the highway and matted his hair.

"What are you waiting for?" I asked.

"We must wait for the judge," said the driver.

"What happened?" I asked.

He motioned toward the still body. "He was drinking a little. He stepped from the bus before it stopped. He tripped and fell on his head."

The dead man's head was broken, his face ruined.

"Where is he now?" I asked.

"Over there," said a boy, wondering at my ignorance. "He is lying right there!"

"No," I said, "that is his body. But where is he?"

There was silence. A country man hesitated, then pointed upward.

"Up there, maybe," he said.

A man in a business suit said softly, "It all depends on God."

"No, my friend," I said carefully, for I did not want to offend him. "It does not depend on God. It depends on the man who lived in this empty body. What did he do with God's generous offer of eternal life while he was yet alive?"

We stood thinking while other cars passed slowly. The bees hummed nearby. A baby whimpered. A dog barked. The sounds hung heavily on the still air.

A young mother with her baby on her back spoke up. "Where is he then?" she asked.

"I do not know," I said. "The evidence is against him. He died drunk. In the Bible, the Book of God, it says that no drunkard shall enter the city of God."

"Is he lost forever?" she asked as though she were afraid of the answer.

I shook my head slowly. "I am not a judge. I can only go by the Word of God. Now there is only one thing certain. Put him in a box. Carry him with love and tears to the cemetery. Lower him into the grave. Hide him forever from Guatemala's skies. Then, go home."

She looked at me with questions in her eyes. I continued. "At the grave his family, his friends, his church, will all turn their backs on him and leave. They can go no further."

"He must make that last trip alone. According to the evidence which we see here, he has stepped out into outer darkness where God is not seen. Remember that the Bible says, 'How terribly black is that darkness.'"

"This man made his own decision. He must pay his own penalty. He is waiting now for final disposition into the lake of fire forever, as the

Word of God says. There is nothing we can do now. The prayers of millions on this earth cannot effect those who have gone before us. He is gone. . . forever!"

The group of passengers milled around me casting covert glances at the unfortunate victim of the accident. There was no conversation as they silently mulled over their own thoughts.

An older man with brown wrinkled face and darker eyes approached me. "I believe God," he said. "I have accepted Christ as my Saviour. What happens to me when I die?"

He seemed to be one of the millions of this land, poor, uneducated, half-hungry, most of the time, but there was no doubting his sincerity as he looked into my eyes.

THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY

The Waggoners, Frank, Margaret and Benjamin, were enroute to Huehuetenango, where Benjamin goes to school, (this road also leads to Quezaltenango) when they came upon the scene of the accidental death.

Sometime later we were moved to write this and translate it into Spanish. It has already been published (10,000 copies first printing) in Spanish, and appeared in English in the Missionary News Bulletin which reaches every evangelical missionary in Guatemala. It is being used in a number of Sunday schools, Young People's meetings and Missionary groups in the U.S.

Pray for the message of this tract as it goes into more printings in English and Spanish, that the Lord will use it.

"Did you realize that you were a sinner, and could not save yourself?" I asked him. "Did you know that you were lost and only God could save you? Did you know that Christ died for you upon the cross and paid for all your sins forever? Did you know that if you called on God, He would save you?"

He nodded his head vigorously at each question. "Yes, yes! I know all that."

"And have you accepted Christ as your personal Saviour?"

"Oh, yes," he said, and the words burst from his lips while his face shone. "I am trusting Him to save me because I believe He is the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me."

"Then," I said, with confidence because of his firm testimony, "on the basis of your own words I can tell you this: When you die, your friends and family will carry your body to the cemetery with tears of love and sorrow. They will lower it into the grave and put it away from the world of men. Then of

necessity, they will turn their backs and go home."

I stopped and he looked at me dismayed. I could almost read his thoughts as he looked at the silent corpse nearby.

"But, there is a great difference," I continued. "You are a Christian, redeemed by the blood of Christ. Think of stepping on shore and finding it Heaven. Think of clasping a hand and finding that it is God's hand. Think of opening your eyes to the light and finding that you are in the wonderful eternal light of God."

"The Bible, the Word of God, says that for the person who trusts in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, 'to be absent from the body is to be present with the

Lord.'"

I lifted my eyes and saw that I had the attention of all. Raising my voice, I asked, "What is your decision? The Bible says, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved.' It also says, 'He that believes on Jesus Christ as Saviour is not condemned, but he that does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.'"

I looked around at perhaps 40 people. They were listening earnestly. They had various religious ideas, but most of them did not have Christ as Saviour. To many, He was a statue in a church, or a baby in the arms of Mary, His mother. But they listened, and they thought.

"Life or death. You will live forever in the light of God, or you will exist eternally in darkness without God and without hope. It is not a question of religion, of church, of intentions, or of deeds. It is a question of accepting the person of Jesus Christ as the ONE who loved you and gave Himself to die in your place, paying once and for all for all your sins, if you will accept Him."

"He said, 'Come unto me' not 'Come unto a religion, a church, a priest or an intercessor. Will you come to Him now?'"

My busload of new-found friends stood silently, thinking. These words were different. These ideas were new. Only God knows what was taking place in their hearts.

Before long the official came, made his investigation, asked questions, and filled out the papers. They picked up the useless body and took it away.

The passengers silently filed back onto the bus and took their seats. The driver started the motor and pulled onto the highway to Quezaltenango. Soon they disappeared down the highway, some on their way to Heaven, some on their way to Hell.

My friend who is reading this, you are on a journey between your entry to this world and your exit. This journey will terminate in some unexpected moment, freeing you to ascend into the marvelous presence of God, or precipitating you into the depths of Hell.

From the most profound Book in this world come these words, "It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this, the judgment."

Also, it contains this provoking question, "How shall we escape (judgment) if we neglect so great salvation?"

There is only one way. We are all guilty sinners. There is no defense. Must we pay the penalty for our sins? Thanks be to God, the answer is "No!" We do not have to pay.

Christ is our Substitute. He paid it all with His blood. There remains nothing more to pay. We have only to accept his offer of free salvation.

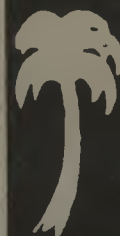
I have accepted it. I am free of condemnation, forever, as a child of God through faith in the person and work of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Do you have this freedom from condemnation? This divine gift of life eternal?

In the name of Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, I beg you to accept the gift of salvation offered through the love and grace of God, and His Son. Do it immediately. Tomorrow may be too late.

My friend, I hope to meet you in Heaven, in the presence of God.

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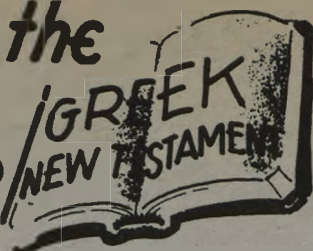
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Words Of Certainty For These Times

This verse is a part of John's final summary to his first Epistle. He has reached the end and the Holy Spirit constrains him to conclude the Letter with this great summation containing three great "We know" statements: vs. 18, 19, 20. We are concerned with the first of these "We know" expressions in v. 18, which is particularly meaningful and encouraging for believers in these uncertain and troublesome times.

The "We know" of this verse is the Greek *oidamen*, a perfect form but which has the significance of a present, and the emphasis upon the existing fact is intensified. We know these things in this passage are fixed as facts, absolutely certain and lasting. Nothing can shake them in our hearts. We know them to be true as well as we know that we are saved, and it is this knowing that gives us the assurance of our security in Christ. These are no mere, tentative, hesitant suggestions, but definite, dogmatic assertions which are beyond all dispute and debate, which sum up the Epistle. We know them now - they are facts, they are the words of God, and it is good that in these dangerous days there are certainties in the midst of uncertainty. The blessed present reality is that we know these unchanging, unfailing truths.

1. . . We know that no true child of God will continue in a course of sinning.

"Whosoever is born of God sinneth not." This concerns every believer, with no exception. The Christian is described as one who has been begotten (*gegenneimenos*)

of God. This means that the new birth is not a mere transient phase of religious experience. It is not something that is only of short duration, which in fact is not lasting, but can be snatched away, or will perhaps pass away as though it had never been. The perfect participle points out the past experience of being begotten from above by the God of heaven, and the continuing, abiding results of that action. The one who has been begotten of God remains His child, and abides in His grace and keeping power. The new relationship is absolutely permanent and lasting, with all of its privileges, blessings, and obligations.

Moreover, the child of God "sinneth not" (*hamartanei*). Contrary to the contemporary views of this statement which advocate a perfectionism, or eradicationism, the progressive present tense of the verb clearly teaches that the true believer will not continue to maintain a course of sinful living. It denotes the fact - not

that the Christian will never sin, will never slip and fall into acts of wrong-doing - but that the believer will not persist in sin habitually, he will not go on living a life of sin. As John Stott remarks: "Sin and the child of God are incompatible. They may occasionally meet, but they cannot live together in harmony."

2. . . We also know that we are kept by the Only-begotten Son of God.

"But He that was begotten of God keepeth him...." The truth set forth here is not that the believer keeps himself, but that the One who Himself came forth from God into the world keeps the believer. Our blessed Lord holds us safely and securely. We are His own possession, and He exercises constant and continual watch-care and guardianship over us, preserving us, hedging about our coming in and going out from this time forth and even for evermore. The present tense of the verb "keepeth" (*teirei*), together with the meaning of the verbal idea, make this unmistakably clear. An early papyrus contains the comment of a young man who was being held in custody by the military, "My guard watches (*teirei*) me so closely there is no chance to escape." Another papyrus shows the statement of a man regarding the income of certain properties being reserved for his mother: "To whom the revenue of the properties has been guaranteed (*teteiretai*) by the contracts."

The Only-begotten Son of God "keeps him" means that our preservation is guaranteed, our salvation is absolutely permanent, the Lord's keeping-power is as effective as His saving - power. He maintains a perpetual care over us; no force or combination of forces can wrest us from Him; we shall never again become unsaved. As Westcott once said: "We have an active enemy - Satan, but we also have a watchful guardian - Christ." And John writes: "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them because greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4).

3. . . We know that the evil one cannot lay hold upon us.

"And that wicked one toucheth him not." Note the logical progression, and observe with care the present tense verbs. The born-again one does not continue in a practice of sin because the Son of God constantly guards and keeps him, and because the Son of God continues to keep the believer, the devil does not lay hold upon him. The verb rendered "touch" in the KJV is *hapto*, which has the basic idea of "attaching oneself to something and to stay there." So we translate "fasten upon." The wicked one will try again and again, and then over again, to fasten himself upon us, to deceive us, to influence us for evil, to lure us away from Christ, and to possess us, but he will not succeed. The wicked one and the sin unto death (v.16), go together.

We know that the whole world "lies in the wicked one" (vs. 19), so we must be alert, sober, vigilant, for we are fully aware that the devil is seeking to devour us. Our confidence in the Lord will not lead us off into carelessness or indulgence, but we know that the whole age lies prostrate in the power and domain of Satan, so we must resist him in the faith and upon the basis of our trust in the Son of God. And in this there is victory and the blessedness of certainty that the evil one does not fasten himself upon us to destroy us. He cannot - for the Lord God Almighty has made as hedge about us and has commanded Satan: "put not forth thine hand upon him" (Job 1:12). . .

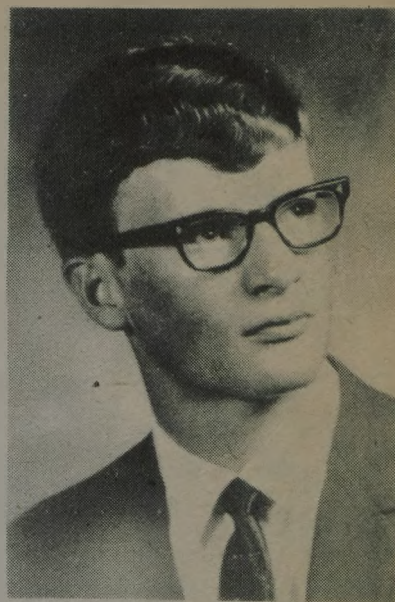
Another New Church

Calvary Baptist Church, Farmdale, Ohio held their first Sunday services on September 8th. A vacated church building in Farmdale has been rented. The men of this new work have put new gutters on the building, painted it and taken care of other needed repairs. The ladies did a thorough job of cleaning and preparing the interior of the building.

Rev. Darrel Minnick, who was saved at Troy Baptist Church, Garrettsville, Ohio and who is a recent graduate of Tennessee Temple Schools is the pastor. In the first service, Brother Minnick brought a message from Luke 14:25-33 on the theme, "Counting the Cost". He reminded the beginning nucleus to count the cost concerning one's family, concerning cross bearing, concerning building and concerning spiritual warfare. He concluded by assuring his people that Jesus counted the cost and went on to bear our sins on Calvary's cross.

The services throughout the day were a blessing to all. They were well attended. Area churches were invited to an afternoon hymn sing. The building was packed with 170 in attendance and 40 more unable to get inside! At the close of the day, it was noted that State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh, had met with the nucleus of seven families for seven planning sessions. There were seventy-seven in the first morning worship service.

Ordained To Gospel Ministry



Rev. Bernard Horn II

Bernard Horn II, son of the late Rev. Bernard Horn I, and Mrs. Gladys Horn of 747 W. Lane in Lima, Ohio was ordained into the gospel Ministry on Monday, September 17, at the South Lima Baptist Church in Lima, Ohio, where Bernard is serving a pastoral apprenticeship. The council of pastors and delegates from area churches commended that the South Lima Baptist Church proceed with the ordination of Mr. Horn.

Mr. Horn was born in South Bend, Indiana and is presently living at 23 Terrace Court in Lima, Ohio. He is the grandson of Mrs. Bertha Horn of 113 N. Virgil in Mishawaka, Indiana. Mr. Horn graduated from Cedarville College in 1973 with a B.A. Degree in Business Administration. He is married to the former Miss Charlene Williams of Lima. Bringing the ordination address was the Rev. Fred Crown of Findlay, Ohio.

A New Work

Calls For Help

Calvary Baptist Church, the new church starting at Napoleon, Ohio, needs the following items: (1) a mimeograph machine, (2) a typewriter, (3) the sum of \$1,000 for material for work to be done on their meeting place and (4) a retired carpenter who can donate a few days work. Also, they desire the names of prospective families for this new work.

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Dr. J. Don Jennings has accepted a call to serve on the Administrative Staff of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. His position is that of International Director of Enrichment and Evangelism. His work with the ABWE began as of November 1st.

Brother Don Jennings is a man who has always been vitally interested in missions. He has served successfully as a pastor for over twenty years and in all of his churches has promoted missionary work both at home and abroad. His most recent ministry, that of pastoring the Calvary Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan, has been singularly blessed of the Lord.

In his new work, Brother Jennings duties will include: (1) conducting special meetings in churches and in colleges (2) directing the Missionary Enrichment Program among ABWE's missionaries and (3) speaking throughout the world to ABWE missionaries and nationals as God gives him opportunity.

It is our firm conviction that the ABWE has chosen wisely in selecting our brother for this work. We are happy he has accepted this post. We are confident he will be used of the Lord to further enhance the work of this fine mission. Let us remember to pray for him and his family.

Enrollment Increases Cedarville

Once again, dormitories and classrooms at Cedarville College are filled to capacity. Although the lack of dormitory space prevented a large increase this year, the enrollment did rise to 1,033 students.

These students represent 36 states, 572 churches, and 3 foreign countries including Brazil, Canada and Portugal. Included in the 1,033 students are 640 from 288 GARB churches. There are 466 students from 219 churches in Ohio, 265 being from 96 Ohio GARB churches. Outside of Ohio, Michigan and New York send the largest number of students.

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Pastoral Changes In Ohio Churches

Rev. Joseph Fritz has resigned as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Oberlin, Ohio to accept a call to a church in West Virginia. The Oberlin church is now without a pastor.

Rev. John Strong has resigned as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Painesville, Ohio. Brother Strong is retiring January 5, 1975. The Strongsville church will then be without a pastor.

Rev. Marvin Werbeach has resigned the Independent Baptist Church of North Jackson, Ohio to accept a call to the North Royalton Baptist Church. He began his work at North Royalton November 1, 1974. The North Jackson church is now pastorless.

Rev. William E. Alexander, formerly of the First Baptist Church, Blanchester, Ohio is now serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Niles, Ohio. The Blanchester church has called Dr. James Grier of Cedarville College to be their Interim Pastor.

Rev. David Ryerse, formerly of the First Baptist Church, Brunswick, Ohio is now pastoring the Boulevard Church (Erieside) in Willowick, Ohio.

Rev. Albert Johnson has accepted a call to pastor the Fundamental Baptist Church, Tallmadge, Ohio.

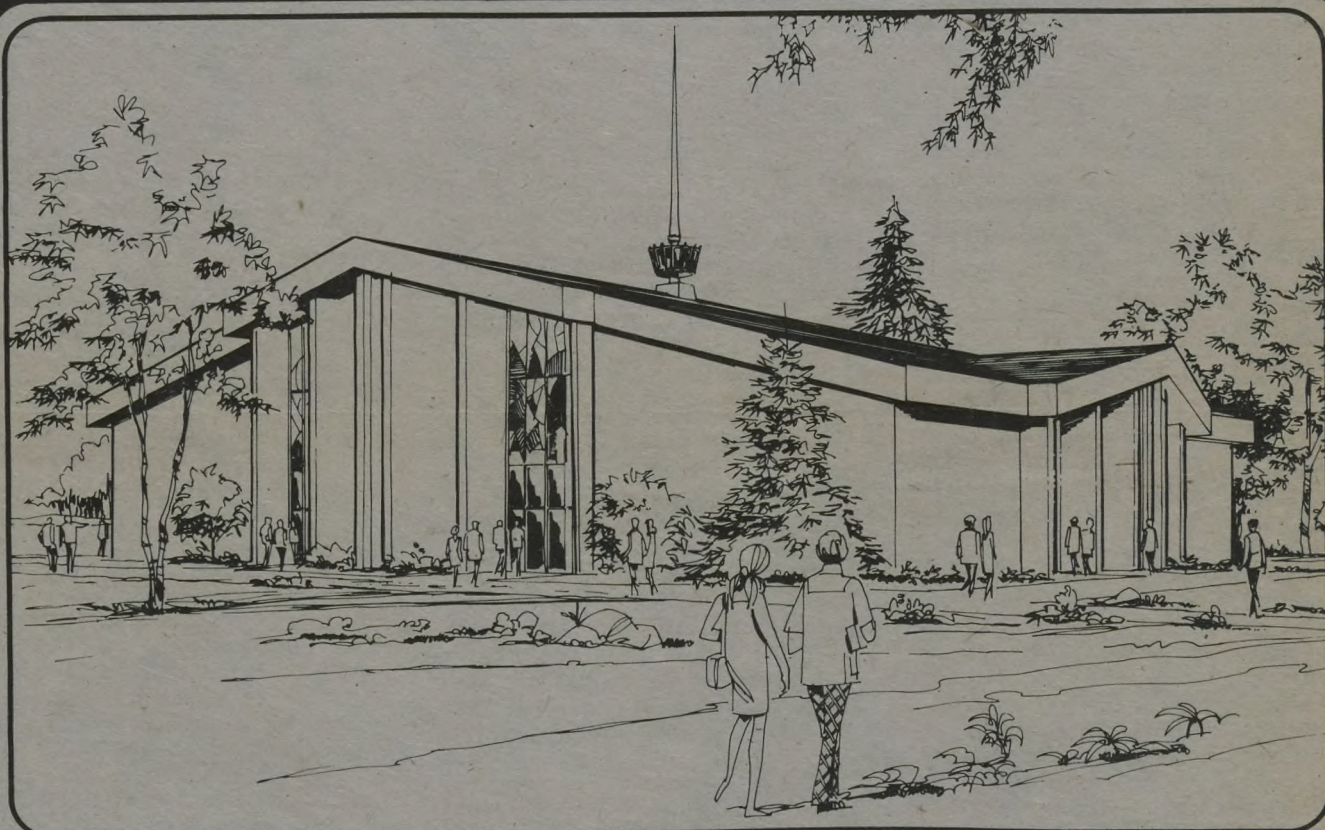
Cedarville Baptist Open



Cedarville College hosted the second annual Cedarville Baptist Open at Springfield's Reid Park Golf Course on September 13-14. Participating in the golf tournament were 155 men representing churches from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. Participants enjoyed a banquet Friday evening at the college, during which Dr. Don Callan, Chairman of the Physical Education Department gave his testimony and a challenge encouraging personal evangelism.

Taking first place after a sudden-death play-off with a score of 77, was R. L. Hillerby from Immanuel Baptist of Wilmington, Ohio. Richard Kilian from Oreana, Illinois, also with a score of 77, placed second in the tournament.

Following Saturday's game, church trophies and first and second place trophies for each flight were awarded. The church having the lowest composite score was First Baptist of Elyria, with a score of 241. Other flight winners were Bill Ensley, Glenn Slusher, James Moe, Art Voorheis, Arnell Fast, and Laddie Habion respectively.



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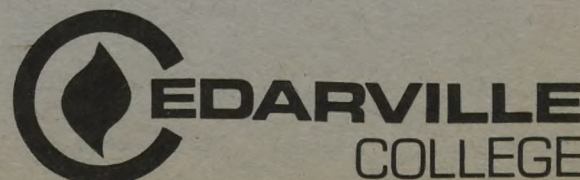
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